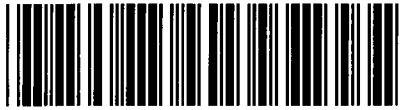




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**Annual Report  
Required by 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(f)**

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**AFFECTED ENTITY:** Fort Belknap Electric Cooperative, Inc.

**General Information**

Pursuant to 16 Texas Admin. Code § 25.97(f)(1), not later than May 1 of each year, each affected entity must submit this report for the preceding calendar year. The first report must be submitted not later than May 1, 2020.

**Instructions**

Answer all questions, fill-in all blanks, and have the report notarized in the affidavit. If you check no in part 1.a, leave parts 1.b-d blank.

Violations resulting from, and incidents, fatalities, or injuries attributable to a violation resulting from, a natural disaster, weather event, or man-made act or force outside of an affected entity's control are not required to be reported.

**Affidavit**

A representative of the affected entity must swear to and affirm the truthfulness, correctness, and completeness of the information provided by attaching a signed and notarized copy of the Affidavit provided with this form.

**Filing Instructions**

Submit four copies (an original and three copies) of the completed form and signed and notarized Affidavit to:

Central Records Filing Clerk  
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1701 N. Congress Avenue  
P.O. Box 13326  
Austin, Texas 78711-3326  
Telephone: (512) 936-7180

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**1. This part applies only to an affected entity that owns or operates overhead transmission facilities greater than 60 kilovolts.**

a) Does this part 1 apply to you? Yes  No

b) Provide the number of identified occurrences of noncompliance with Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 38.004 regarding vertical clearance requirements of the National Electrical Safety Code (NESC) for overhead transmission facilities.

c) Do you have actual knowledge that any portion of your transmission system is not in compliance with PURA § 38.004 regarding vertical clearance requirements of the NESC for overhead transmission facilities?

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d) Do you have actual knowledge of any violations of easement agreements with the United States Army Corps of Engineers relating to PURA § 38.004 regarding vertical clearance requirements of the NESC for overhead transmission facilities?

[Empty response box for question d)

2. This part applies to an affected entity that owns or operates overhead transmission facilities greater than 60 kilovolts or distribution facilities greater than 1 kilovolt.
- a) Provide the number of fatalities or injuries of individuals other than employees, contractors, or other persons qualified to work in proximity to overhead high voltage lines involving transmission or distribution assets related to noncompliance with the requirements of PURA § 38.004.

Fort Belknap Electric Cooperative had zero (0) fatalities and zero (0) injuries involving transmission or distribution assets related to noncompliance with the requirements of PURA 38.004.

b) Provide a description of corrective actions taken or planned to prevent the reoccurrence of fatalities or injuries described in subpart a), immediately above.

Please see attached pages.

Affected Entity: Fort Belknap Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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### AFFIDAVIT

I swear or affirm that I have personal knowledge of the facts stated in this report or am relying on people with personal knowledge, that I am competent to testify to them, and that I have the authority to submit this report on behalf of the affected entity. I further swear or affirm that all statements made in this report are true, correct, and complete.

Jeff Harvey  
Signature

Jeff Harvey  
Printed Name

Manager Safety and Training  
Job Title

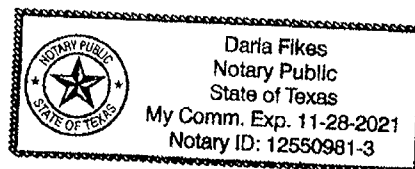
Fort Belknap Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
Name of Affected Entity

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28 day of April, 2020.  
Month Year

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Notary Public in and For the State of Texas.

My commission expires on 11/28/2021.



Affected Entity: Fort Belknap Electric  
Cooperative

Project # 50596

## INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the William Thomas Heath Power Line Safety Act, HB 4150, and PUCT Substantive Rule 25.97, Fort Belknap Electric Cooperative is providing a summary description of training programs provided to employees related to overhead transmission and distribution lines. Among other things, this training includes hazard recognition, adherence to NESC guidelines for construction, operation and maintenance of transmission and distribution lines. Training also includes NESC Rule 232, clearance requirements over any of the 178 lakes listed in the Act. Included herein are summaries of the current training modules Fort Belknap Electric Cooperative provides to employees.

## TRAINING SUMMARIES

### Summary of TEC Hotline School I-IV (four-day course)

Line Construction I—Rubber Gloving from Bucket this course is designed for employees at the apprentice level who have performed some rubber gloving from an aerial device on energized conductors. these students should have safely performed limited live line work from an aerial device with full supervision. through this course, students gain extensive hands-on training and experience during training exercises with experienced craftsmen, who provide one-on-one training. after completing this course, students should be able to perform basic rubber-gloving techniques safely.

Line Construction II—this course is designed for employees in an advanced stage of apprenticeship training who have at least a year of experience safely performing rubber gloving from an aerial device with full supervision. students should also have experience performing live line work from an aerial device with full supervision, and should be able to perform live line work safely. Through this course, students gain extensive hands-on training and experience during training exercises with experienced craftsmen, who provide one-on-one training on three-phase construction. After completing this course, the students should be able to perform rubber-gloving techniques safely and plan hot work in a safe and proper work order.

Line Construction III—this course is designed for experienced line technicians in all phases of overhead construction and work performance who deal with multiple hazards associated with overhead line work. students gain extensive hands-on training and experience during the training exercises.

Line Construction IV—this course is designed for experienced line technicians in all phases of overhead construction and work performance, work procedures, and dealing with sCaDa, grounding and multi-task job performances. the students will get extensive hands-on training and experience during the training exercises.

### Summary of TEC Troubleshooting School (four-day course)

This course provides instruction on basic electricity, identifying and correcting line service complaints, identifying errors associated with customer equipment and services, identifying and using all personal protective equipment and cover-up when working on energized equipment, and identifying and understanding all systematic switching procedures to isolate faulted energized equipment and services on overhead and underground systems.

### Summary of TEC Safety Meeting HB4150 Training (two- to four-hour course)

The training will include an overview of HB 4150 with an explanation of requirements for the utilities operating in Texas. It will also include hazard recognition training as it applies to the requirements of compliance with the National Electric Safety Code (NESC). This will include clearance requirements for lands, roadways, and waterways. The employee training will define to whom, when and how the bill applies. As well as explanation of guidelines, requirements, and deadlines for filing reports. A portion of the course will include hazard recognition and an explanation of clearance guideline requirements preparing employees to proactively recognize and report hazards and clearance related issues on their utilities' system.

Course Outline:

1. HB 4150 Review



2. Hazard Recognition
3. NESC Clearance Guideline Requirements

Course Materials:

1. Power Point Presentation
2. Presentation Material Handouts
3. NESC Clearance Handouts
4. HB 4150 Law

Summary of Transmission Webinar for PURA §38.102 (one-hour course to accompany TEC Safety Meeting)

PURA §38.102 requires electric utilities including electric cooperatives and municipally owned utilities to provide training to employees related to the National Electric Safety Code (NESC) for construction of electric transmission and distribution lines. This webinar discusses the requirements for transmission facilities which are defined as facilities operating above 60 kV. The webinar will not include discussions regarding distribution lines. This training will focus on transmission clearances, strength issues, and access of overhead transmission lines.

Course Outline:

1. Maximum Operating Temperature and Sag Requirements for Transmission Conductors
2. Additional Ground Clearance Requirements for Transmission Lines
  - a. Maximum Operating Voltage
  - b. Elevation above Sea Level
  - c. Electrostatic Effects to Vehicles below the Line.
3. Additional Clearances from Building/Signs
  - a. Deflection of Insulators
  - b. Deflection of Structures
  - c. Clearance Based on Maximum Operating Voltage
  - d. Limited Electrostatic Effects to Buildings and Signs below the Line
4. Mid-span Conductor Clearances
5. Power Lines and Phone Lines Crossing below Transmission Lines
6. Grade of Construction for Voltages Over 22kV
  - a. Guying Strength Requirements
  - b. Under-build Strength Requirements
7. Identification of Climbable Supporting Structures

Objectives:

1. Determine appropriate clearances for transmission lines.
2. Define maximum sag for determined clearances.
3. Identify strength requirements for transmission facilities

Summary of Hazardous Recognition Training for Transmission Facilities (one-hour course to accompany TEC Safety Meeting)

PURA §38.102 requires electric utilities including electric cooperatives and municipally owned utilities to provide hazard recognition training related to overhead transmission and distribution facilities. For the purposes of this training, transmission facilities include those electric facilities operating above 60 kV. One of the challenges to recognizing hazards inherent to transmission facilities is the significant changes in conductor sag for transmission lines. The goal for this training is to educate employees to observe, recognize and report hazardous situations.

Course Outline:

1. Definition of a Hazard
2. Hazards to Report
  - a. Non-compliance with NESC

- b. Failed System Components
- c. Failure of Warning Lights/Marker Balls
- 3. Summary of Clearances for Transmission Facilities
- 4. Recognition of Changes in Conductor Sag for Long Spans
- 5. Activities near the Line
  - a. Grading
  - b. Crane Operation OSHA 1926.1408(a)
  - c. Scaffold Clearances OSHA 1926.451(f)
  - d. Construction of Adjacent Buildings/Signs
- 6. Right-of-way Issues
  - a. Danger Trees
  - b. Dead Trees
  - c. Erosion of the Right-of-Way
- 7. Priorities of Reported Issues
- 8. Record Keeping Requirements

Objectives:

- 1. Define hazards associated with transmission lines.
- 2. Identify appropriate distance for cranes from power lines.
- 3. Identify required clearances for transmission line related to roads and buildings.
- 4. Define a danger tree.

Summary of Hazard Recognition (four-hour C•O•R•E course)

HB 4150 Section 38.102(a)(1) requires utilities to provide a summary of hazard recognition training documents for overhead transmission and distribution lines. Hazard recognition training focuses on equipping electric utility employees with the knowledge to recognize clearance hazards of overhead power lines.

Course Outline:

- 1. Importance of Hazard Recognition for Overhead Power Lines
- 2. Vertical and horizontal clearance requirements
- 3. Importance of an intact system grounding system
- 4. Isolation or/and grounding of anchor guys
- 5. Hazard Assessment Management
- 6. Defining Criteria for Hazard Assessment and Data Collection
- 7. Analyzing Data and Determining Appropriate Actions
- 8. Preparing and Executing an Action Plan
- 9. Report Documentation and Record Maintenance

Summary of NESC Clearance Requirements (four-hour C•O•R•E course)

This course will educate all utility personnel whose positions require a working knowledge of the NESC rules, which can include engineers, line workers and staking technicians.

Course outline:

- 1. Defining sag requirements—Rule 230 2
- 2. Ground clearances—Table 232-1 and 232-2
- 3. Clearances to building and signs—Table 234-1
- 4. Clearances to pools and grain bins—Rule 234E and 234F
- 5. Joint use clearances—Rule 235, 238, and 239

Summary of Designing Transmission and Distribution Lines Crossing Lake (one-day C•O•R•E course)

This training reviews clearances as defined by Rule 232 of the NESC and compliance with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers easement requirements. This training class will review the applicable sections of

the NESC as it relates to designing long spans over lakes and the easement terms and specifications commonly found in easements with the Corps of Engineers. The training provides a demonstration of designing a lake crossing using software such as Pole Foreman and Sag 10.

Course Outline:

1. Requirements of the HB 4150
2. Lake Crossing Issues
3. NESC Requirements for Lake Crossings
  - a. Rule 232 Clearances
  - b. Rule 241 Required Grade of Construction of crossing lakes
  - c. Rule 250D Application of Extreme Ice
  - d. Rule 250C Extreme Wind
  - e. Rule 235Cb Design Considerations for Wire Slap and Sag to Lower Conductors
4. Corps of Engineers Easement Requirements
  - a. Vertical Clearance Requirements
  - b. Additional Clearance Requirements for Areas Designated for Rigging or Launching Sail Boats
5. Determining Lake Crossing Clearances
  - a. High Water
  - b. Sag and Tension for Long Crossings
  - c. Worst Case Sag
6. Additional Consideration
  - a. Transmission Adders
  - b. Marker Balls
7. Example problems

NESC Clearance Review of Existing Transmission Lines (one-day C•O•R•E course)

HB 4150 Section 38.102(2) requires utilities to submit a report on training related to the NESC for the “construction of transmission and distribution facilities.” This training will concentrate on NESC Section 232-Vertical Clearances. Further, the training will provide the skill sets necessary to inspect transmission lines without creating a model of the line using LiDAR. The target audience for the class will be operations personnel and staking technicians.

Course Outline:

1. Rule 232B Sag and Tension Definition
2. Rule 232 Vertical Clearance above Ground and Water Surfaces
3. Rule 233 Vertical Clearance from Other Utilities
4. Identification of Activity below the Utility Line
5. Example Problems Using Sag10
  - a. Effect of Long and Short Spans
  - b. Effect of Grade along the Line
6. Determining the Tension of an Existing Line
  - a. Sag Measurements
  - b. Calculation of Tension Based on Sag
7. Use of Software to Determine Ground Elevations
8. Example problems

## 2017 NESC Vertical Clearances

### Railways

Neutral	23.5 ft
TPX	24 ft
Dist. Primary	26.5 ft

### Highways – TX Administrative Code

Communications and Cable TV	18 ft
Electrical Lines	22 ft

### Trucks Over 8 ft.

Neutral and Span Guys	15.5 ft
TPX	16 ft
Dist. Primary	18.5 ft

### Fields, Orchards, Forest, Ect.\*

Neutral and Span Guy	15.5 ft
TPX	16 ft
Dist. Primary	18.5 ft

### Pedestrians Only\*

Neutral and Span Guy	9.5 ft
TPX	12 ft
Dist. Primary	14.5 ft

### Water – No Sailboat

Neutral and Span Guy	14 ft
TPX	14.5 ft
Dist. Primary	17 ft

### Waterways Suitable for Sailing

### Rigging or Launching Areas

Less Than 20 Acres	20.5 Ft	25.5 Ft
20 to 200 Acres	28.5 Ft	33.5 Ft
200 to 2,000 Acres	34.5 Ft	39.5 Ft
Over 2,000 Acres	40.5 Ft	45.5 Ft

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## TEC Loss Control Class Documentation/Programs

Loss Control Specialist James Busby

Date 02-18-2020 Organization Fort Belknap EC  
HBH150 Hazard Recognition Training

Accidents/Near Miss Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

OSHA/Safety Manual References: APPA 10A - Reporting Hazardous Conditions

Video Presentation/Discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Training/Presentations: HBH150 Training  
Hazard Recognition Training  
NEESC Clearance Training

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### Class Roster

Part 1 of 2

Loss Control Specialist: James Busby

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Organization: Fort Belknap EC

Date: 02-18-2020

Location: Olney, Tx HB 1150 of Hazard Recognition Training

	Print Name	Signature	Classification
1.	Brian Hampton	Brian Hampton	Liceman
2.	Jason Miller	Jason Miller	Liceman
3.	Jeremy Johnson	Jeremy Johnson	Liceman
4.	Jimmy Smith	Jimmy Smith	Line
5.	Raul Daffron Jr	Raul Daffron Jr	Line
6.	Bryan Pierce	Bryan Pierce	Mobile Tech
7.	Bryan Cook	Bryan Cook	Mobile Tech
8.	Kevin Gray	Kevin Gray	Mobile Tech
9.	David Hunt	David Hunt	Liceman
10.	Ryan Lewis	Ryan Lewis	Liceman
11.	Mike Clark	Mike Clark	Liceman
12.	Kevin Miller	Kevin Miller	Liceman
13.	Levy Lugo	Levy Lugo	Dr Line Worker
14.	Travis Harkness	Travis Harkness	Mobile Tech
15.	Rodney Curtis	Rodney Curtis	Station Management
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